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**Thanks**

.. To Cherie Parker, Brenda Sinclair, Sharon Martin, Mary Sissons and Neroli Wills who helped with the Headlice Inspection today.

.. To Jo Brunker, Michelle Konings, Syd Gregory and Gavin Donelley for assistance with lunchtime athletics competitions this week. - you folk have been awesome

.. To those parents (and friends of the school) who have volunteered to take Bible in School classes this term. Your commitment and time is much appreciated.

.. To the parents who helped transport our TechQuest participants to and from the event this week. Thank you.

**People of the Week**

.. Andrew Martin - Most Consistent Player (JB4), Matthew Donnelly - Most Improved Player (JB5), Mitchell Dean - Most Consistent Player and Scott Gregory - Presidents Cup for Player of the Year, for Hikurangi JMB. Well done.

**Virtue**

Earlier in the term parents received support material relating to the RESPONSIBILITY virtue. Please continue to re-visit this material at home and to find opportunities for your children to practise this virtue.

**Attendance in 2010**

In the last couple of newsletters parents have been asked to advise Helen (personally or via the answer phone) if their child will not be attending Matarau School in 2010. This is important so that we can plan classes and so that we know how many out of zone places we have next year. **If we have not heard from you by Monday 9<sup>th</sup> 9:00 am WE WILL ASSUME YOUR CHILD WILL BE AT MATARAU SCHOOL AND A PLACE WILL BE RESERVED FOR THEM ACCORDINGLY.** Please do not send a verbal message via your child.

**Middle School Auckland Trip Budgets**

The final budgets for the Middle School trips to Auckland is attached for your information.

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#### **Term 4 Calendar**

10 November	-	Zone Athletics at Poroti School (pp 17.11)
19 November	-	Year 7 Vaccinations
20 November	-	Room 6 Abbey Caves trip
25 November	-	Year 7 and 8 Beach Volley Ball
26 November	-	Whangarei Girls' High School Orientation Day
27 November	-	Year 5 and 6 Kiwi Cricket
1 December	-	Year 7 and 8 Interschool Athletics Championships
3 December	-	Juniors - theatre production at Forum North
8-11 December	-	Room 6 camp
11 December	-	Reports to parents
14 December	-	Team Athletics Day (pp 16.12)
15 December	-	Prize Giving
17 December	-	Final day

*We will advise other dates as these come to hand.*

#### **Whangarei Boys High School Entry Test**

There is a 2<sup>nd</sup> opportunity to sit the entry test on Friday 13 November for those students who were unable to make the test last Friday. Start time is 8.45 am; children will require a pencil, rubber and ruler. Finish time is approximately 11.15-11.20am.

#### **Term 4 Overview**

Please find attached the Term Overview for the Middle Syndicate. If you have skills or interests relating to any forthcoming units of work please let your child's teacher know - they would love to have you involved.

#### **Classes for 2010**

Shortly teachers will be giving careful consideration to class placements for next year. Although placement decisions must ultimately rest with the school, we do invite parents to advise us of any matters they would like us to consider when making placements. If there is something that you would like us to bear in mind (no guarantees) please give Kevin a call next week.

#### **Poroti Athletics**

A reminder that children years 3 to 8 will be participating in the Zone Athletics event at Poroti School on Tuesday 10 November (pp 17.11). Please ensure consents have been returned to school. Children will travel by bus unless you have advised on your consent that you have arranged alternative transport. Please ensure children bring suitable clothing (including Matarau T-Shirts), sunhats, sunblock, lunch, plenty to drink and spending money at your discretion. If you did not receive a consent please phone the school office on Monday morning.

#### **Headlice Inspections**

If you received notice of infestation please treat your child's hair before their return to school. All parents are asked to check their children's hair weekly and to respond promptly in the event of infestation. Children who took letters home this week will be re-checked in a week's time. Thank you for your co-operation.

#### **Cups and Trophies**

It is time to return trophies to school as we are beginning preparations for the end of year Prize Giving. Please return to the school office **as soon as possible**. Thank you.



#### **PMP Parent Helpers**

We would welcome any help you can offer, this term Wednesdays 9.00-10.30. Please contact Rachael Robertson or Lesley Bruce.

#### **Spelling Bee**

Parents might like to encourage their child's involvement. Watch this space.

### **Lunchtime Athletics Competitions**

Lunchtime track and field activities began this week. Children will get the opportunity to compete against school standards as well as to prepare for upcoming zone and interschool events. Please encourage your children to show an interest in these events.

### **Art Scholarship**

Parents of children who have been nominated for an art scholarship are reminded that art portfolios are due to the office on Monday 16 November (and no later please). Please don't hesitate to see your child's teacher if you need assistance putting the portfolio together, or to contact Kevin with questions of a more general nature.

### **Bible in Schools Programme**

A reminder that inclusion in this programme is optional. If your children were included last week, and you would prefer that alternative work was arranged for them, please advise the school office before 8:30 AM on Monday morning (or leave a message on the school answer phone over the weekend).

### **Home Garden Programme**

We have had some awesome garden meetings this week and even had a picnic by our school garden. Children have been watering and weeding this week and sharing problems and tips. A reminder to keep home diaries updated. Children have been asked to pay special attention to pest control over the coming weeks and to keep the weeds under control. Plants should all be in with the objective of looking their best by judging day in late November.

### **After School Care**

A reminder to return the information sheet sent home a couple of weeks back if ..

.. you would be willing to use an upgraded, approved and subsidised After School Care Programme in 2010

.. you are interested in owning an ASC franchise in this area

Further forms are available from the school office if you have misplaced the one sent earlier. More information is available on this programme and on franchise opportunities at [www.skids.co.nz](http://www.skids.co.nz)

### **PTA Updates**

- PTA Treasurer -Suzanne Woodgates has kindly taken on this role. Thank you Suzanne, this is most appreciated.
- Trivia Night - If you still owe money for Trivia night purchases or sponsorship could this be paid as soon as possible please.
- PTA Calf Club Day Raffle - was drawn by Alison Faithfull. The 1<sup>st</sup> prize winner is Karen Pope , 2<sup>nd</sup> prize - Mikayla & Harley and 3<sup>rd</sup> - Michele Blagrove. Congratulations, and thank you to all who bought tickets.
- Reminder that chocolate money and or remaining chocolates needs to be returned to the office by next Friday - 13<sup>th</sup> November. Thanks to all who've done such a wonderful job so far with this fundraiser!
- Calendar Art orders have now been sent off and expected to be returned in approx 2 -3 weeks.

### **Gas Cylinder for School BBQ**

.. Still seems to be missing .. if you know where these are please give Helen a call in the office.

### **Community Notices**

Whangarei A&P Show - 5&6<sup>th</sup> December. Entries Close 20 November. Entry forms held at the office.

Whangarei Group Calf Club Day - Thursday 12 November 2009. Registration begins at 9.00am. Barge Park Showgrounds. For more information phone 09 4377944.

National Jandal Day - Support Life Saving Day 4<sup>th</sup> Dec 2009. For more info [jandalday@surflifesaving.org.nz](mailto:jandalday@surflifesaving.org.nz).

Scripture Union Adventure Summer Camp - Yrs 7-13. To register contact [www.youradventurebegins.com](http://www.youradventurebegins.com)

NZ Ocean Swim Series - Take the plunge and enter. Something for all ages. Held in Paihia on 12 December 2009. Brochures available at the office.

Kamo Tennis Club Inc - Beginning 19<sup>th</sup> October 2009. Phone Francie James 4375581 for more information.

Kamo Swimming Club - stroke improvement lessons now starting 4.30pm Monday 16<sup>th</sup> November at KHS Pool. Call Sue Mehrtens for full details - 433 5606.

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### Water bottles

During our recent power cut (at which time we lost our water supply) we noticed just how many children did not have a drink bottle at school. We know you do your best here, and we know that sometimes parents put bottles out only to find they have been left on the kitchen bench. While we do have drinking fountains, a drink bottle has a number of advantages - not least that water can be sipped as needed and children can more easily assess their water intake. If around 80% of the body is water, remaining properly hydrated must surely be one of the single biggest contributing factors to health and performance. Please ensure your child brings a drink bottle to school each day - and remember water is best. Sometimes we suspect that children coming to the sick bay may simply be suffering from dehydration.

### Enrolment Zone

A reminder that our enrolment zone can be viewed at [Matarau.school.wikispaces.com](http://Matarau.school.wikispaces.com).

All submissions must be in (addressed to the Board Chairperson) by 13 November - hopefully sooner.

### Special Best Wishes

.. to Miss Blake who takes leave from next week for her forthcoming wedding. We wish Rachael and Mike all the very best for the day and for their lives together.



### More than just a rumour

Please find attached to this newsletter irrefutable evidence that Scott Gregory was seen wearing a Kamo rugby jersey during the recent season. Maybe a sign of things to come.

### Finally

If you have never gardened with your children I would recommend that you give it a go. I have really valued the moments this week when I could get a break from the paperwork to spend time in our vegetable garden with our home gardeners. Children would drop by, do a bit of watering and weeding, and drop back a while later. Children noticed the buds coming away on the trees in our nearby orchard and talked about the health of the plants and what further care they might or might not need. Most of all they would chat away about all sorts of things while at work. Much more fun than paperwork (and certainly better than television).

Kevin Trewhella, Principal

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## **Kashin's Tips!**

### Kashin Tip 5

**Saving is a marathon, not a sprint.**

Regularly check your progress towards your Savings Goal. To keep yourself focused, cut out a picture of what you're saving for and pin it up somewhere you can regularly see it.

**Kashin**

